



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Muttongrass (*Poa fendleriana*)



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Zone: 4-8

Color: Yellow

Bloom Time: Spring

Plant Type: Perennial bunchgrass

Mature Height: 0.7-2' tall

Mature Spread: 1' wide

Water Use: Low to very low

Soil Type: Well-drained sandy and loamy soils

Range and Native Habitat: Muttongrass ranges from southern Canada down to the Dakotas and west to the central portion of the western United States. It can be found in sagebrush desert as well as juniper and pinon-juniper communities and ponderosa pine, spruce, and aspen forests.

Suggested Maintenance: Hand weed during the first growing season to prevent competition. Delay removing old growth until early spring to allow for winter interest and to provide shelter for various types of wildlife during the colder months.

Other: Muttongrass is a cool season grass and provides excellent forage for cattle, sheep, and wildlife. It is one of the most drought tolerant of the bunchgrasses and one of the earliest grasses to green up in the spring. It is moderately fast growing and long-lived.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun

Sun to part shade



Water Needs

Low to very low



Summer Irrigation

Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage

Fast



Propagation

By seed in fall or spring and division in early spring.